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Applicant: Benjamin W. Schmitz et al.
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Pannala for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interviews conducted with Gregory M. Smith on July 5, 2006. Pursuant to these interviews and in response to the Advisory Action of June 13, 2006, Applicant states as follows:

As discussed, MPEP §804(I)(B)(2) states that, "[i]f a 'provisional' statutory double patenting rejection is the only rejection remaining in one of the applications (but not both), the examiner should withdraw the rejection in that application and permit that application to issue as a patent..." In this case, the provisional double patenting rejection raised in the Advisory Action is the only rejection remaining in the above application. The second application mentioned in the Advisory Action, continuation application 11/368,774, is a later filed application and has not yet been examined.

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